

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Groups of form features can be, e.g., the properties of a picture object. By adding other form features exhibiting similarity with existing group form features, these groups of form features can be completed using a control with selectable threshold values and using additional information, in turn according to modified circumstances of the object. This enables a class of objects which are to be recognized to be represented in an approximative manner. The model thus produced can be used in a first step (A) for an optical partial recognition. In a second step (B), the features of the object recognized by the partial recognition can lead to enlargement and completion of the model. It is thereby no longer necessary for a specialist to have interactive control of the recognition system, and models exhibiting a high degree of representativity can be produced.